

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Chihiro Uchibori

Group Art Unit: 2825

Application No.: 09/648,750

Examiner: Granville Lee

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METAL INTERCONNECTION, SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE, METADD FOR For: FORMING METAL INTERCONNECTION AND METHOD FOR FAB與CATING

SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.121

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

October 7, 2002

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed June 6, 2002, the period for response being extended one month from September 6, 2002 to October 6, 2002 by the attached onemonth Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows. A marked-up version of the claims is attached hereto.

(Amended) Almetal interconnection buried in an insulation film comprising: an interconnection material containing copper as a main component; a barrier layer formed between the insulation film and the interconnection material;

and

an adhesion layer containing zirconium formed between the barrier layer and the interconnection material, the adhesion layer being for improving an adhesion between the barrier layer and the interconnection material.